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**Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council**

**Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 5:30 PM**

**645 Pine Street, front conference room**

**–MINUTES–**

Members present: Chair, Kurt Wright  
David Hartnett  
Vince Brennan

Others present: noted below

Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

1. Agenda  
Wright removed agenda item #4 BED Advanced Grid. Update recently provided to City Council.  
Brennan: add TEUC meeting schedule.  
Brennan moved to accept Agenda. Hartnett second. All in favor.
2. Public Forum  
No public in attendance for forum.
3. Minutes of 9/15/2011  
Brennan moved to accept. Hartnett second. All in favor.
4. BED Advanced Grid – removed from agenda.
5. CCTA Board Alternate  
Hartnett moved to accept recommendation per staff memo, for City Engineer/his designee to be appointed as CCTA Board alternate. Brennan second. Discussion: Chapin Spencer, CCTA Board: City Engineer is currently Director of DPW but historically they have been different individuals and this may change in the future. Fred Schmidt was Shelburne representative but has moved to Burlington and is interested. Burlington has 2 representatives and currently no alternates.

Hartnett amended motion for first alternate to be Steve Goodkind (City Engineer) and appoint Fred Schmidt as second alternate. All in favor.

Hartnett noted downtown transit center will be contentious and asked about the public meeting plans.

Spencer offered to notify City Council of meeting schedule; wants to avoid repeat of last transit center process.

6. Sidewalk Strategic Plan and 5 year workplan – Nicole Losch, DPW

Losch reviewed staff memo. Brennan asked about sidewalk at driveway on North Champlain Street at Sustainability Academy School entrance and about North Street truncated domes become shorn by plows and becoming tripping hazard. Losch provided detail on sidewalk patching program for most severe hazards and provided contact for DPW Customer Service for future repair needs of sidewalks and domes. Hartnett suggested including new senior housing project for New North End on Pedestrian Potential Index.

Spencer noted paving program has shown success in street condition, made possible with additional funding. Current sidewalk lifespan is 32 years but replacement schedule with current funding is 62 years.

7. Colchester Avenue Corridor Plan endorsement – draft resolution for City Council

Brennan moved to bring resolution as written to full City Council. Hartnett second. Discussion: resolution should be forwarded to Councilor Bushor before Council meeting. All in favor.

8. 25 mph Citywide Speed Limit endorsement – draft resolution for City Council

Wright: unclear about need for resolution. Brennan: “resolve” language refers to action of the past; resolution seems repetitive.

Wright: request DPW presentation to City Council rather than resolution.

8.5 TEUC schedule

Brennan: confusion regarding available meeting date for recent meetings.

Wright: prefers flexible schedule, as needed meetings for relevant items.

Brennan: how to add agenda items? Wright: to TEUC staff Nicole Losch and Chair Wright.

Brennan: Future item: North Champlain Street and Park Street 2 lane configuration encourages speeding and passing. No solutions but request study and future discussion.

Hartnett: spring sidewalk update

9. Adjourn

Hartnett moved to adjourn. Brennan second. All in favor.

Adjourned at 6:24 pm.